

Claim

We claim:

1. A carry-on luggage case having a tapered upper portion that comprises within a main packing compartment a unit comprising relatively stiff dividers that remain at an  
5 substantial angle to a horizontal plane when said luggage case is laying down  
and when said luggage case is standing in an upright position.
2. The carry-on luggage case of claim 1 wherein said unit is removable.
3. The carry-on luggage case of claim 1 wherein said luggage case further comprises a  
10 dually accessible pouch that can be accessed from a top edge of said pouch or from a  
bottom edge of said pouch.
4. The carry-on luggage case of claim 3 wherein said dually accessible pouch is closed  
securely by a securing feature.
5. The carry-on luggage case of claim 1 wherein said tapered portion further comprises  
15 texture on an outside surface of said tapered portion for the comfort of a passenger's  
socked feet resting thereupon when said case is being stowed under a passenger's  
seat.
6. The carry-on luggage case of claim 1 further comprising a telescoping towing handle  
and wheels for ease of transportation.
7. The carry-on luggage case of claim 6 wherein said wheels are castor wheels.
- 20 8. A method for accessing items within a carry-on luggage case that remain in a relatively  
upright position while said case is laying down or said case is standing upright by  
providing tapered upper portion and a unit, within a main packing compartment of said  
case, comprising relatively stiff dividers that are at a substantial angle to a horizontal  
plane both when said case is laying down and when the case is upright.
- 25 9. The method of claim 8 wherein said step of providing said unit within said main packing  
compartment further comprises providing a removable unit.

10. The method of claim 8 wherein said step of accessing said items further comprises accessing a carry-on luggage case while said case is being stowed under a forward passenger's seat or in an overhead compartment or other location from either a top or bottom end of said case by providing a dually accessible pouch.
- 5 11. The method of claim 10 wherein said step of accessing said items further includes providing security of said items within the dually accessible pouch by providing a securing feature that maintains a closure of a bottom end of said pouch so that the items are not lost when the case is shifted from a resting position to an upright position.
12. The method of claim 8 wherein said step of providing a tapered upper portion further  
10 includes providing texture to an outside surface of said tapered upper portion that enhances the comfort of the passenger while the passenger's feet rest thereupon.
13. The method of claim 8 wherein said step of accessing items within said case further includes transporting said case by providing a telescoping towing handle and wheels.
14. The method of claim 13 wherein said step of transporting said case comprises providing  
15 castor wheels.
15. The method of claim 8 wherein said step of accessing items further includes transporting said case by providing a shoulder strap.
16. The method of claim 8 wherein said step of accessing items further includes providing a backpack, said backpack being transportable by at least one backpack strap.